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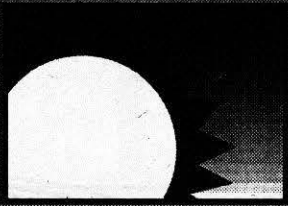
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The MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Parthenon

Officials trying to ease parents' fears

By Brian Hofmann
Reporter

University officials are trying to restore students' and parents' faith in the safety of Holderby Hall dormitory following a fire Wednesday morning that caused \$2,500 damage and attracted statewide attention.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said her office received more than 60 telephone calls—mostly from parents worried about the safety

of their children. She said she hopes the presence of a 24-hour guard in the residence hall and an overnight guard on the third floor, where three fires in the past two weeks have been set, will calm parents and students.

"That's our priority — to make the students feel safe and secure," Cockrille said. "Until further notice, there will be someone walking the halls of Holderby, and from 12 [midnight] until seven in the morning, there will be someone posted on the third floor."

The fire, which started about 1:54 a.m. Wednesday in Holderby Hall 310, spread along the east wall of the room and engulfed a mattress. Holderby residents were evacuated and the Huntington Fire Department extinguished the fire.

An official with the state fire marshal's office, which is in charge of the investigation, did not say an arrest is imminent but the investigation is ongoing. A student Wednesday was suspended from the residence

halls for destruction of hall property and for the safety of other residents, C.T. Mitchell, director of university relations, said.

Officials would not release the name of the student who was suspended.

Cockrille said in the meantime, residents of Holderby have the option to move off the third floor.

"Some parents want their students to move off the floor," she said. "They want something to be done and they want to feel

safe without being in a fire."

Rhonda Gessler, Wheeling freshman and resident of Room 310, returned home Wednesday.

Cockrille said counselors will be available to talk to students about the fire, and a floor meeting is planned. She said a date has not been set for the meeting.

Mitchell said, "The RAs [resident advisers] are advising students that we're on top of the situation and additional security is being planned."

Drinko professors to return to campus

By Kevin J. McClelland
Reporter

Five former Drinko professors, including a former presidential candidate, will return to Marshall to highlight the university's daylong "Celebration of Academics" today at 11 a.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The event will begin with the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation at 11 a.m., sponsored by the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

The program will feature guest speaker Dr. Harm J. de Blij, professor of geography at the University of Miami who has served as a Drinko professor and is a frequent guest on ABC's "Good Morning America," who will discuss "Geography and Geopolitics."

The Honors Convocation will include the presentation of academic awards to students, the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the Drinko Academy, said he is pleased to attract nationally renowned scholars to participate in the program.

"I think the willingness of these scholars to return to the Marshall campus for the 'Celebration of Academics' indi-

cates the importance and quality of this program," Gould said.

Former Drinko professors returning to Marshall include de Blij; Dr. George McGovern, former U.S. senator and presidential candidate; Dr. C. Anthony Broh, Princeton University registrar and political scientist; Dr. Norman Graebner, professor emeritus at the University of Virginia and Dr. Grinor Rojo, who conducted classes related to Christopher Columbus' encounter with the New World.

The John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture was established to foster undergraduate education in American public institutions and the responsibilities of citizenship, Gould said.

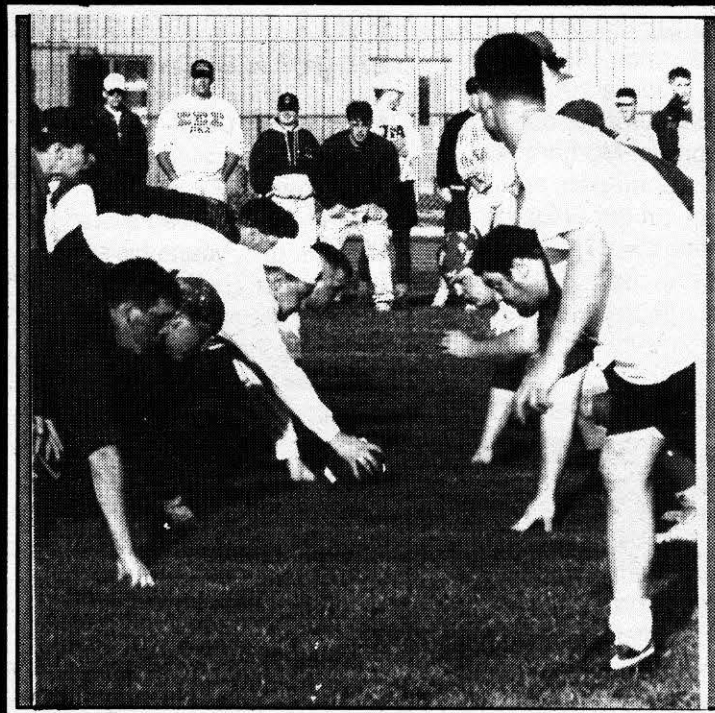
These senior professors keep their departmental affiliations, but report organizationally to the director of the Drinko Academy.

The academy was named in honor of Dr. John Deaver Drinko, a Marshall alumnus and nationally prominent attorney. The Honors Convocation was named for his wife, Elizabeth.

The programs are free. More information about the programs may be obtained by contacting the John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture at 696-3183.

Football the hard way — no pads

Rival fraternity members get ready to rumble Wednesday evening during a Greek Week flag football game beside the Cam Henderson Center and Twin Towers East.



J.R. McMillan/The Parthenon

Illegal parking can be costly

By J.R. McMillan
Reporter

Mary Wilson knows every way to try and beat a parking ticket.

As manager of Parking and Transportation, it's her job to know.

"Since last fall, 6,002 tickets have been issued," Wilson said. "The total fines collected from then to the end of February was \$52,392."

Wilson said some of the money collected was for tickets issued before September, but some tickets still are outstanding. "We've only had 1,025 tickets issued this semester," Wilson said.

Wilson also said one reason the number of paid fines is increasing is because of the financial hold placed on a students' accounts for unpaid citations.

"Financial holds were established right after spring break a year ago," Wilson said. "It restricts students from registering for classes or receiving transcripts. There were a lot of people getting tickets that weren't paying them."

Wilson said one of the more popular tricks students use to try to avoid getting tickets is to place old tickets on their windshields. "Sometimes they'll even take a ticket off of the car next to them," Wilson said. "It

doesn't work. We check every ticket."

"Our tickets become Huntington parking tickets after 10 business days," Wilson said.

"Huntington will eventually boot your car if the tickets aren't paid," Wilson said. "One person two years ago had \$900 in parking tickets to be paid. They eventually towed and impounded his car until he paid the fines."

Students do get an occasional break from ticket woes by giving blood.

"The Red Cross has a donation drive in the spring and fall semesters," Wilson said. "Anyone who gives blood is allowed to erase two tickets."

This & That

Scottish tune celebrates

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A hungry hobo steals a sheep, gets cornered by the cops and drowns in a swampy pond rather than face arrest.

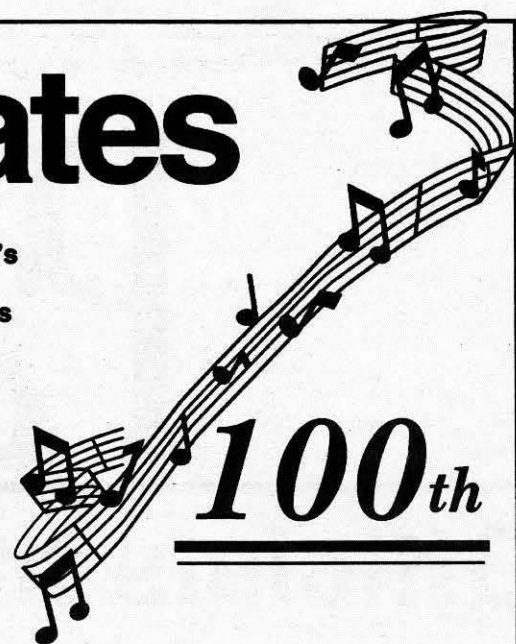
Is this a police report from *The Land Down Under*? No, it's not a story of crime in the Outback, but the story told in Australia's most famous ballad, "Waltzing Matilda," which turns 100 this week.

Set to an old Scottish marching tune and chock-full of such colorful slang as jolly swagman (a tramp) and billabong (a waterhole), the song "always brings the hair up on the back of my neck," Prime Minister Paul Keating said recently. "It is part and parcel of whatever we are as Australians."

The biggest celebration for poet Banjo Patterson's unlikely hit was to be held Thursday in Winton, a dusty Outback town of 1,200 residents, where it was first performed at a local bar.

Patterson, who died in 1941, once dismissed "Waltzing Matilda" as "not a very great literary achievement."

But it remains unofficially the country's favorite tune, sung at big sports events and on national holidays, probably because it tapped into an Australian traditiof siding with underdogs.



Rogers welcomed to WVU neighborhood with honorary degree

MORGANTOWN (AP) — Being neighbors with Fred Rogers isn't enough for West Virginia University. The school also wants to give him an honorary degree.

"We look for individuals who have outstanding achievements in their respected fields," said provost Tom La Belle. "He's a special human being."

Rogers has been host of the children's public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" since 1968. The show is produced at WQED-TV in Pittsburgh, about 75 miles north of Morgantown.

Hedda Sharapan, an associate producer for the show, said the 67-year-old Rogers has received nearly 30 honorary degrees and looked forward to each one.

Alliance reveres, roasts TBS' Turner

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rainforest Alliance showered praise on Ted Turner for his "lifelong commitment" to environmental conservation.

Turner, accompanied by his wife, Jane Fonda, was honored Wednesday at a fund-

raiser held by the international nonprofit organization. He also received the group's Champion Award, which recognized Turner Broadcasting Systems for the high priority it places on environmental programming.

"I'm a very, very strong environmentalist and this organization is trying to save the rain forest," Turner said before the private dinner and roast. "When they asked me to be roasted as a fund-raiser, with the funds going to save the forest, I had to accept."

'Strange Medicine' won't help an ailing singer's show go on

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Perry has been forced to call off his latest journey.

Perry, on the road since October to promote his solo album "For The Love Of Strange Medicine," canceled his remaining concert dates because of a severe bronchial infection, his spokeswoman said.

"I truly regret having missed the opportunity to perform for the fans who wished to see me again," Perry said in a statement. "I hope to see you soon."

Shows were canceled in several states, including West Virginia.

Czechoslovakian president, playwright to speak at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel will be the principal speaker at Harvard University's commencement.

The choice of Havel, a playwright whose works helped inspire the downfall of Communist rule in Eastern Europe, was announced Wednesday.

Havel spent more than five years in prison in the 1970s and '80s because of his dissent, and his writings were banned in his homeland.

The university's 344th commencement is scheduled for June 8.

'Les Miserables' star Fisher trades bread for holiday matzo diet

LONDON (AP) — David Fisher won't be stealing any bread for his kids the next two weeks.

He'll be on a strict diet of matzo.

Fisher, who plays Jean Valjean in the West End's "Les Miserables," is taking a two-week break to perform cantorial duties at a Catskills resort during Passover.

FYI

International Students will have an international round table from 5 to 7 p.m. at Retriever's on 4th Avenue. For more information about the round table, call 696-3315.

AED will sponsor a

Mock M-CAT in Science 376 Saturday at 9 a.m. For more information call Tom at (614) 532-5345 or Dena at 522-6467.

There will be a cereal eating contest Monday in Holderby Hall. Those interested can direct questions to Sharon Pankey in Twin Towers, or call Timothy Bush at 696-8773.

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Clinton to OK insurance tax cut

...and a \$62 million deal for media magnate Rupert Murdoch

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Wednesday he will sign a bill extending a health insurance tax deduction to 3.2 million self-employed people even though he objects to its multi-million dollar tax break for media magnate Rupert Murdoch.

House Democrats had urged Clinton to veto the legislation to eliminate the Murdoch benefit.

"Because this health care benefit is so important, I will sign this legislation," Clinton said.

The bill lets the self-employed deduct 25 percent of their health insurance premiums from their 1994 taxes. The deduction, which had expired, would rise permanently to 30 percent next year.

Clinton said he was troubled that Congress dropped an administration

"Because of the important benefits of this legislation to our nation's self-employed and their families, I could not justify a veto."

President Clinton

proposal to close a loophole that lets Americans avoid taxes by renouncing their citizenship. The administration says the provision would have affected about two dozen wealthy Americans.

Clinton said, "This bill carves out a special exception for one pending deal. This is the kind of dealing that goes on all the time in Washington."

He was referring to a provision that would eliminate tax breaks for companies that sold broadcast and cable TV stations to minority buyers, but retain the benefit for a single deal involving Murdoch.

Murdoch has a contract to sell Atlanta station WATL-TV for \$150 mil-

lion to Qwest Inc., which is 55 percent owned by minorities, including Quincy Jones, Geraldo Rivera and former pro football star Willie Davis. The benefit to Murdoch has been estimated at \$63 million.

The break for Murdoch was inserted by Democratic Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, who sought to retain the minority ownership program.

Clinton said the Murdoch deal explains "why we need a line-item veto that covers both spending and special tax provisions. When I get it, I can assure you I will use it to weed out special interest loopholes like the one in this bill."

"But, because of the important benefits of this legislation to our nation's self-employed and their families, I could not justify a veto," Clinton said.

GOP advertises 'accomplishments'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to convince voters the new GOP is keeping its election promises, the Republican National Committee began airing an ad boasting the new Congress' accomplishments.

The \$100,000 ad campaign is part of the GOP's effort to promote its accomplishments in the first 100 days. House Republicans say they have kept their commitment to pass the 10-point "Contract with America," while Democrats call the contract meaningless and a cruel assault on successful programs for the needy and disadvantaged.

"The first Republican Congress in more than 40 years began by forcing Congress to live by the same laws as everyone else," the ad says. "Now it's cutting wasteful spending and red tape for small business. Reforming welfare. Giving tax relief to middle class families. And returning power to Main Street America. Not bad for the first 100 days. The new Republican Congress — making Washington work, for a change."

Residents and city planners disagree about how to rebuild Kobe

KOBE, Japan (AP) — City officials have a new vision for earthquake-ravaged Kobe: Tear down crowded, squat apartment buildings and businesses and redevelop the area with high-rise apartments, wide roads and parks.

The emerging debate has highlighted

old and painful themes in Japanese urban development. Cities tend to be ugly, cramped jumbles that give little sense of planning.

The powerful have historically dictated how cities are built, with little initiative taken by citizens.

Finding a new way to rebuild Kobe will not be easy. Efforts to impose a new urban vision have not been welcomed so far. Protests broke out in mid-March as residents denounced the Kobe city government's approval of a development plan for five key areas devastated

by the quake.

The earthquake exposed the price of rebuilding in the old way. Fires raged with no parks or public squares to brake the flames, and emergency vehicles found it difficult to navigate a maze of narrow streets and alleys.

Marshall University Student Day

April 11 at Huntington Mall

Tuesday only, Huntington Mall merchants will offer discounts to all Marshall students showing valid i.d. cards. Just look for the green and white balloons to help you locate participating merchants, or inquire at the Mall Information Booth for a list of store names.

From noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, register to win a \$50 shopping spree. And, from 3 to 5 p.m., join WKEE to "Sing For Your Supper." Win a \$10 gift certificate from Huntington Mall to pay for your supper.

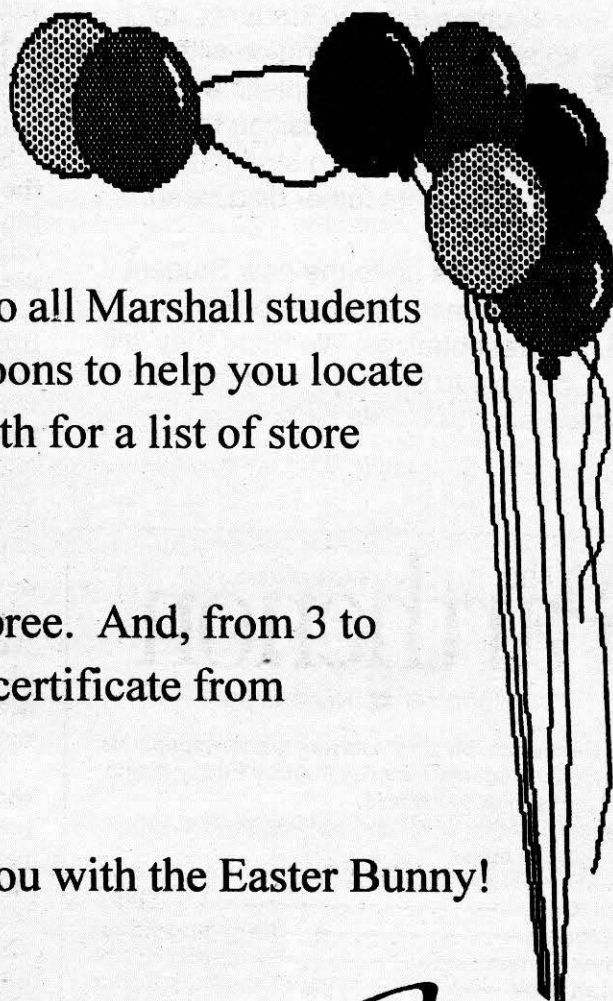
Also Tuesday, give your parents a special treat -- a picture of you with the Easter Bunny! You can get \$1 off with your i.d. card!

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our view


Thumbs up to some, thumbs down to others


▲ The issue: A little bit of this and a little bit of that.


 Thumbs down to the Marshall University Police Department for not releasing information about the fires in Holderby Hall. Students need to know the facts about the fire, but they can't when no information is released. C'mon MUPD, stop the rumors going rampant on campus and disclose the accurate information.

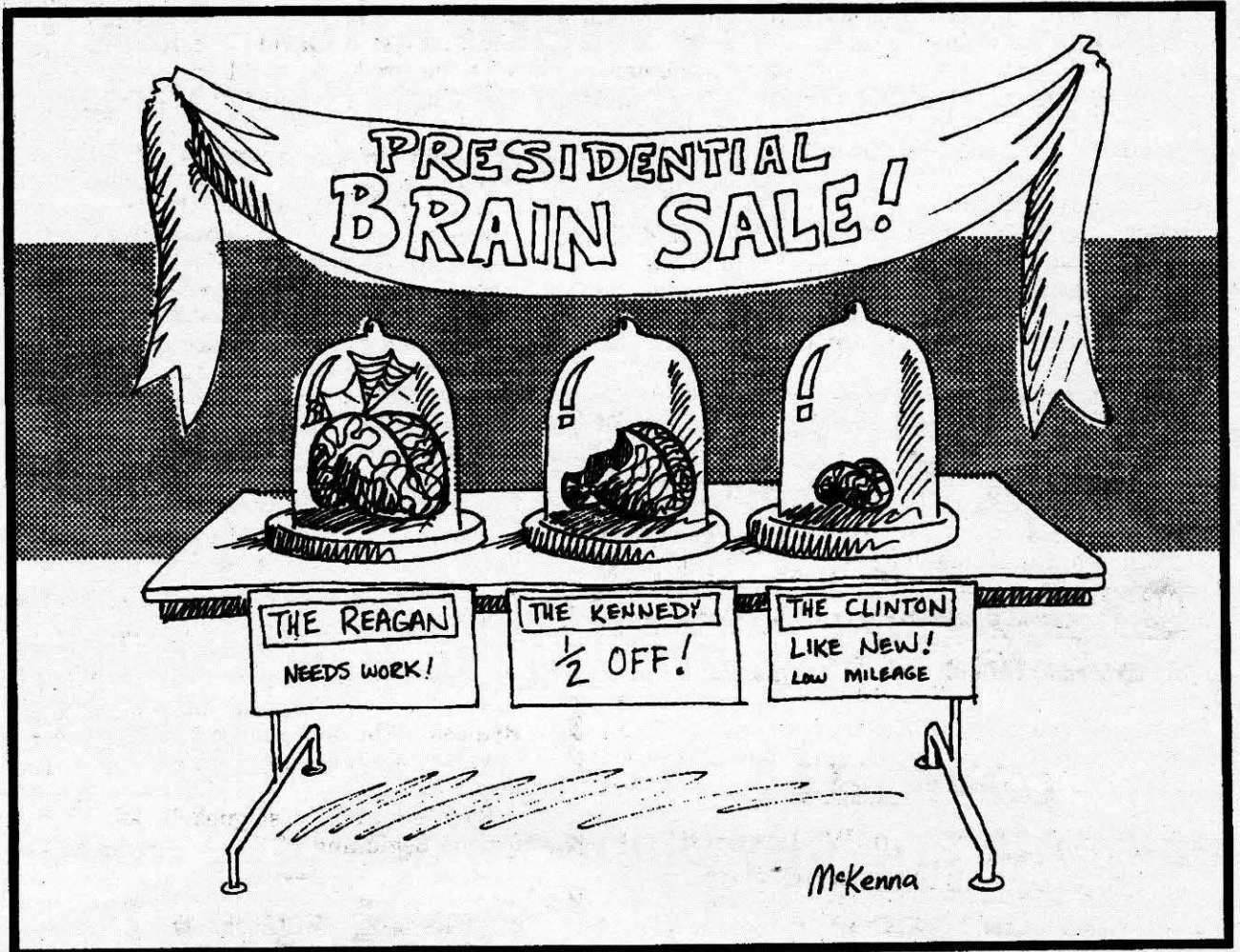
 Thumbs up to Marshall Parking and Transportation for taking a step toward relieving some aspect of the parking chaos in Huntington. Students can get a parking citation thrown out for donating eye glasses to the needy.

 Thumbs down to many students being afraid to stay in their dorm rooms. The police need to give students all the facts about the fire. Parents and residents of the dorm deserve to know if they are in danger.

 Thumbs up to Karen E. Mitchell, assistant professor of mathematics, for winning the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award.

 Thumbs down to students not knowing what is going on with the student seating at athletic events proposal. The proposition to take seats away was thrown out to students, but then the matter was not further discussed.

 Thumbs up to the new Student Government Association representatives. We hope they will be able to increase student involvement and fulfill their campaign promises.



Students need to focus on the future A senator relates new beginnings at Marshall

MATTHEW BROMUND

GUEST COLUMNIST

nation is a focus on the future of Marshall University.

The administration has had this kind of focus for years, and it is time for the students to catch up.

Forward-looking approaches to student life at Marshall are not novel, in fact, they were in vogue in the 50s and 60s, when activist student organizations fought to improve the lives of those coming after them.

At today's university, however, this kind of focus is absent.

It is high time that it return.

A new Student Senate will convene next Tuesday.

It will have the opportunity to make all these beginnings and many others work for students or fail to work for students.

Perhaps, with your help, we can return issues to the student government and return progress to the lives of students at Marshall.

The new administration has immense opportunity to involve students in their university.

If it fails, it is only the students who will pay the price.

The Senate has begun the work of making Marshall a student-centered university again, but now is the time for all of us to join in the work.

Call on your representatives today, call the president, call the paper, and let your concerns be heard. Demand better from Marshall, like students did in 1993 from Residence Services and in 1994 from the calendar com-

This week on Marshall's campus we inaugurated a new student body president, increased awareness of gay and lesbian issues, competed in Greek Week and enjoyed the nice weather.

As a university, our focus seems to be on "getting things done," "setting up for next year" and finishing our appointed tasks.

Since it seems that the end of the school year always has this kind of finality to it, I thought it might be a good time to speak, not of endings, but of beginnings.

The beginnings that are confronting our student body are many, and if we are not careful, they will encourage, rather than retard, the process of denial, decay and deprivation that has characterized so much of our lives at Marshall.

Right now, we are beginning a new SGA session, a new library, a new Wellness Center, a new Welcome Center, a new (most likely reduced) allotment for students at athletic events, and a new student administration.

The beginnings don't end there, though. We are also marking the beginning of planning for another year of 1960s era student visitation policies in the dorms, another year of insufficient child-care for students, another year of alumni alienation and another year of ineffective multicultural initiatives. Finally, we mark the beginning of another year of varsity athletic enrichment at the cost of academic enrichment.

All these beginnings are beginnings now, so procrastination will not claim another year from student's lives.

The solution to this procrasti-

mittee.

The student body, acting together, improved the residence halls a little and saved the three-day Thanksgiving vacation.

These are only small triumphs, but they herald the day when Marshall students can achieve real change through their own efforts.

Only through the voices of the people can justice take life.

Have fun these last weeks of school and celebrate the joys of life but please, don't lose the future in the sun-drenched relaxation of the present.

Help Marshall to be better next year now, so that the road ahead will be smoother for those coming after you.

LETTERS



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Medical assistants to train here

By Steve L. Grimes
Reporter

A program to train general medical assistants is being designed in the Community and Technical College and could be presented to the Faculty Senate for approval before the end of the semester.

Dr. Maurice E. Ryan, associate dean of the CTC, said the new program, called the Multiple Competency Clinical Technician program, will train people to work in medical offices and clinics and do both administrative and clinical

procedures.

"We're looking for someone who wishes to work in a health care facility," Ryan said. "We're looking in the rural areas where the person has to do a lot of things."

Ryan stressed the new program will not train physicians' assistants. It will be for people who will "help the doctor, not do for the doctor," he said.

Under the program, students will be taught to take vital signs and medical histories as well as do the bookkeeping, billing and maintaining the equipment, Ryan said.

He said the program seeks "someone who wants to be totally involved in the clinic and the practice, not just a bookkeeper or a receptionist," he said.

CTC Dean F. David Wilkin said the program would produce "high quality medical assistants" who would function somewhere between nurse and receptionist.

"It's kind of a jack-of-all-trades person for the medical office," he said.

Ryan said there will be room for specialization in the program.

Students will be trained to draw blood and could become a licensed phlebotomist, he said, and the opportunity to train in the optical area could become a possibility.

Overall, the program is designed to prepare students to pass a national exam to become certified medical assistants, Ryan said.

If the plan is approved by the Faculty Senate this spring, Ryan said, the program would have to be approved at the state level.

Ryan said his "best guess" for the beginning of the program is the fall of 1997.

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Provost-budget 'very lean'

By Thomas S. Fisher
Reporter

The provost says he's comfortable with the proposed budget for next year, which includes several new capital projects.

Dr. Lyle C. Wilcox, senior vice president and provost, said, "We operate on a very, very lean budget by anybody's standard in West Virginia. I think that higher education probably delivers a great deal to the student in West Virginia in terms of what it delivers per dollar."

According to the 1992-1994 Marshall Report, the university receives \$34,006,320 from state ap-

propriations and \$22,678,858 from tuition and fees. It also states Marshall's combined revenue is \$128,597,315.

Last year student fees were raised to help pay for the new library.

Wilcox says those fees will be dedicated to library operations, and include costs such as staff salaries and new books.

Also proposed are a \$31 million medical center and a \$5 million residence hall renovation.

The \$31 million is already available for the medical center, which includes a new health library and modern clinical facilities.

Habitat house planned

By Robby Mossman
Reporter

Classified Staff Council is looking for a few good people.

Jonathan Brown, president of staff council said building a home for others is what some on campus are planning for 1996.

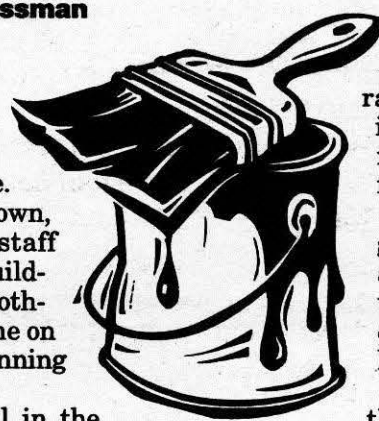
"We are still in the planning stage, but we are moving along fairly well in our efforts to build a habitat house for the Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity," he said.

Brown said he will be talking with Marshall President J. Wade Gilley about the project's progress.

"This is not really a total classified staff effort. We are working with the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, along with their board of directors," Brown said.

He said they want everyone to be involved. "We want the administration, faculty, students, and classified staff members to be involved."

Brown said this is an unusual project in that it will be



entirely built by people representing MU, rather than also involving others in the community.

Brown said the group is trying to avoid competing with fund-raising efforts for the new library.

"The library is the most impor-

tant thing on campus and we don't want to be walking all over the institution's library campaign," Brown said.

He said raising the \$28,000 for the project will take planning.

"If we can get a dollar or five dollars out of the faculty, administration, and classified staff and the students, I think we can make this house a reality," he said.

He said construction would begin next summer if all goes well.

"I think it would be a good idea to have former President Jimmy Carter, who is involved in Habitat, to make a visit to start the project off," Brown said.

PRIDE WEEK

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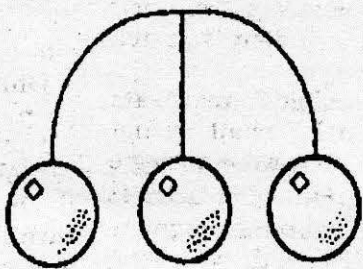
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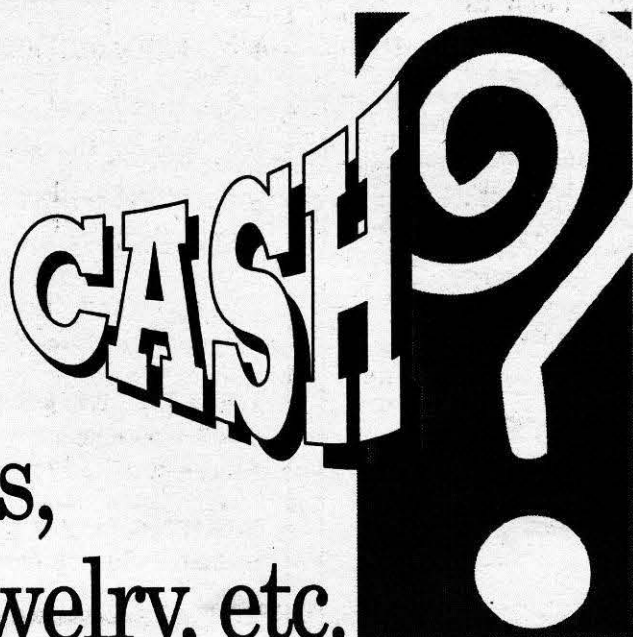
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Labs to be added

By Steve L. Grimes
Reporter

Two remedial math courses in the Community and Technical College (CTC), are being reorganized to help students meet higher entrance requirements being instituted at Marshall.

Labs are being added to two basic math classes in the Developmental and General Studies Division of the CTC, Carol A. Perry, assistant professor and coordinator for math studies in the division, said.

Originally the Department of Mathematics requested the addition of a course, Perry said, but the CTC chose to "beef up" its regular complement of classes by adding a two hour lab and more content.

Students who don't meet university entrance requirements will need to learn more math and spend more time in class, but they won't have to take an additional class, she said.

Perry said the addition of the lab will mean students in Math 096 and 097 will go to class every day of the week. "I feel it's a good change for the students," she said.

"These students need to be seen every

day. Anything we can do to make the students successful is what we want to do."

Perry said the additional two hours will include computer work, "hands-on" experience, problem-solving and work with instructors.

The students will receive an additional hour of credit, Perry said, and the credit will appear on the transcript.

Edna M. Meisel, instructor of math in the Transition Institute, said, "The extra classes give us extra time to present more material."

She stressed that the plans for the labs have not been fully worked out.

"It takes some time to get them into the classroom, but the applications are there," she said.

Marshall's entrance requirements include algebra and a higher course, plus a score of 19 on the ACT, Perry said.

Students who do not have the two math credits can enter the Transition Institute and pick up what they need, she said. Those whose ACT scores are not high enough can take developmental courses.

Also, a placement test has been instituted, Perry said.

Those with less than a 19 on the ACT test can take the test, and if they score high enough they can progress into freshman math, she said.

Med school center termed successful

By John Robinson
Reporter

Hamlin may not be one of the area's biggest cities, however, as far as the medical school is concerned, it is one of the most important.

Tim Crofton, projects administrator for the School of Medicine, said the Lincoln Primary Care Center in Hamlin is the focal point of a close relationship between Hamlin and the School of Medicine.

"For Marshall, it's an extension of the medical training program for the medical students," said Crofton. "It provides an opportunity for our people to see how a rural practice works."

Gerry Stover, administrator of Lincoln Primary Care Center, said Marshall researchers are also conducting a cancer study at the clinic.

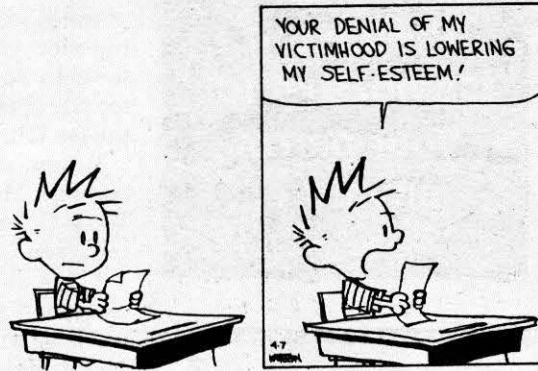
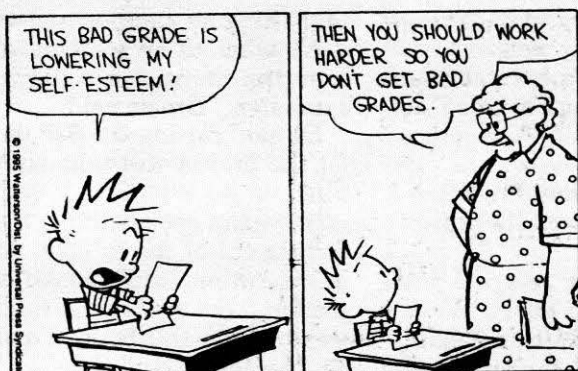
The clinic at Hamlin does not receive any direct funding from Marshall, Stover said.

"We are not making tons of money here," he said. "The benefit for us is, with the doctors coming out here, it keeps us in touch with the modern practices of medicine."

"About six years ago, plans started to develop concerning moving to a facility that was really sponsored by the community," Crofton said. "That came together into a modern primary care facility in Hamlin."

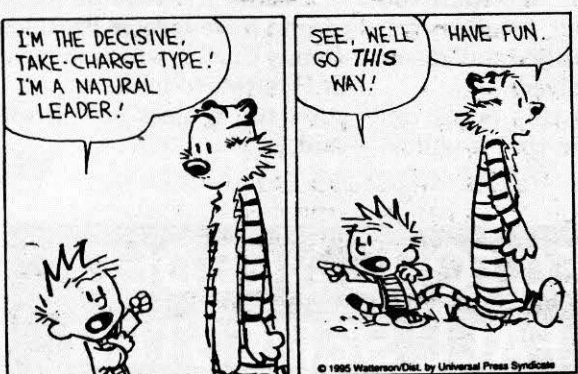
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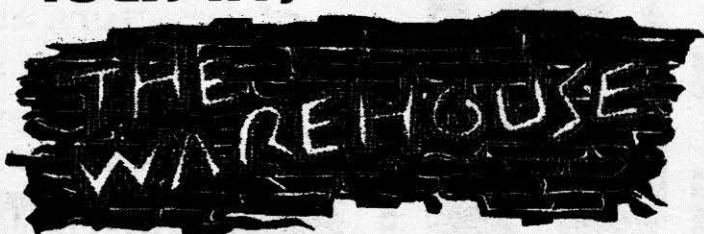
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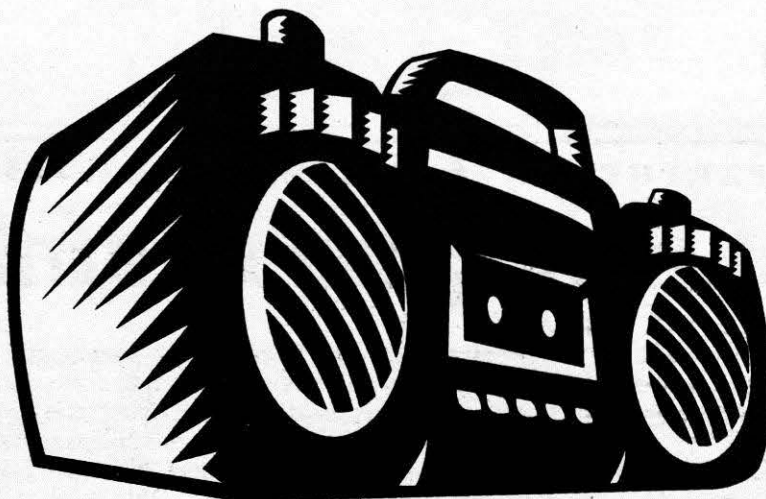
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"I remember my first break. It was 3:15 in the morning. . . did my break, left the microphone on leaned back and said 'Whew, what a bitch!'"

Scott Martin
WRVC-FM morning show host

Back on the air

When Scott Martin bleeds, his veins yield radio waves.

Thirty-four-year-old Martin, who graduated from Marshall in 1983 with a business degree, is the new morning show host at WRVC-FM. However, Martin is no stranger to the radio business.

"I grew up in a radio station," said Martin, whose father, Dick Martin, Sr., and brother, Dick Martin, Jr., are also radio practitioners. Scott said much of his younger life was spent around radio stations.

"I remember being a janitor," he said. "I remember keeping stats at ballgames. I hated that. But, I also remember hanging out with the morning show guys and thinking that was possibly the coolest thing you could do and get paid."

Even though he's been in radio for nearly 20 years, Martin still remembers 1976 and the first night he spoke on the radio. "I remember my first break," he said. "It was 3:15 in the morning. Scott Blount [another disc jockey] and my brother [Dick, Jr.] were there with me. Did my break, left the microphone on, leaned back and said 'Whew, what a bitch!'"

Martin said his early days of radio were shaped by his father, who is a former radio station owner and former mayor of Ashland. "When I first started saying that I wanted to be in radio, my Dad brought me a tape recorder and a stack of copy," he said. "I'd read that into the recorder, and he'd listen and say, 'It's five, not fah-ive and it's nine, not nah-ine, it's an ink pen, not a pin.'"

"He'd do that stuff, but he or my mom [Jeannie] never said, 'This is what you're going to do, and this is how you do it.' He just said if I was going to do it, do it as close to right as you can, and have as much fun with it as you can, but be real true to your audience and be true to yourself."

Martin recalled his days on



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Scott Martin behind the microphone as morning show host for WRVC-FM.

campus with a smile. "When I was at Marshall, I would take all of my classes during the day. I was also doing afternoons [at WCMI-AM in Ashland] and I was also playing in a band at night. I always think of that as the no-sleep period of my life."

"I remember playing in the coffee house and having a great time. I remember hanging out in the student center and having a great time there too. I remember walking around and feeding Fritos to the squirrels for some reason. I spent a lot of time in Corbly Hall and in Smith Music Hall, because if I could take any extra stuff, I took it in music."

When Martin isn't hitting the airwaves, he's hitting his Ludwig drum kit. He's been a drummer since his junior high school band class when a music teacher helped him study the skins. "I had no idea what I was doing at first. I held the sticks wrong and I looked like an idiot. [Legendary jazz

drummer] Buddy Rich would have chuckled. But, eventually, he said, 'You've got the knack for it.'"

Since then, Martin said his drumbeat has carried him through a series of great rock and roll bands. "Visions and Magic and Della Street and Chase — they were together for about 10 years. We put in some serious miles."

Martin currently plays for The Mix, a group that combines cover tunes from the 1950s to today's hits.

Martin said his love for music has made a difference in his life. "I used to keep this in my billfold — and I don't anymore, because I guess I got over it — a lyric from [The Eagles] 'Desperado,' 'Your prison is walking through this world all alone.' I used to keep that in my billfold, because it made me think, 'Come on, man, get your head out of your ass.'"

Martin said those words could be what motivated him

to drop out of radio.

"One morning, I was on the air having a great time and I thought, 'I gotta make sure I can do something else other than radio or play in a rock band all my life', although I love those things."

"So I thought, 'I'm gonna get out of radio.' So I spent six months trying to figure out how to get out of radio. I was the director of the American Heart Association [in Ashland] for two years, and that was a great gig."

"I really enjoyed doing that, but I was ready to get out. I loved going into these different communities and getting people fired up. But then I started trying to figure out how to get back into radio."

Scott and his wife, Susan, have grasped the concept of parenthood. Three-and-a-half months ago, they became parents to their first child, Hannah Brooke.

"I think the whole Tri-State shuddered when they found

out Scott Martin was going to be a dad," he said. "It is the most awesome, emotional time. My wife is the most fun person. She is so level-headed and it's good that one of us is because I'm clearly not."

"[Hannah] is so cool. Susan works until 6:00 some evenings, and I get to go pick up Hannah. When I pick her up, we just sit around the house in our underwear and scratch ourselves or watch cartoons or whatever. It's a side of me I didn't think I'd ever see. I've always loved kids, but having your own is the best. It gives you a little focus. She's cool."

Scott is an active member of the Tri-State community. He said his choosing Marshall years ago has helped people accept him into public service groups.

"I think it made a substantial difference because in every part of my life, I am really tied into the community. I do volunteer work through the Tri-State Fair and Regatta and all these different committees."

"When you go to a local university — and it's a good school — it's not like you're just getting a diploma from Joe's College. It's a big part of the community and you find yourself getting wrapped up in it."

Martin said he's ecstatic to be back on the radio and at WRVC-FM.

"Those other jobs were great, but I just didn't find myself getting up in the morning and looking forward to going to work. Now, I pop right out of bed at 4:30 a.m. and I can't wait to get here. I mean, where else can you go to work and have fun?"

By Sean McDowell
Reporter